

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 497

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A RESOLUTION to recognize Michael S. Dunn on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those public servants who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves during their careers and performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm; and

WHEREAS, one such venerable person is Michael S. Dunn, Bureau Director of the Tennessee Department of Health, who has served the state of Tennessee with distinction for over thirty-four years and has announced that, on June 1, 2007, he will be taking a much-deserved retirement; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Dunn is a native Tennessean, who grew up in Montgomery County and is a graduate of Montgomery Central High School and Austin Peay State University, with a great fondness for Tennessee and its values and traditions; and

WHEREAS, Michael Dunn started his career at the Tennessee Highway Patrol in 1973 and then served with the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation and, having performed his duties with acumen and alacrity, joined the Tennessee Department of Health; and

WHEREAS, during Michael's tenure, he has garnered widespread respect for his healthcare information technology expertise and abilities; and

WHEREAS, he has played vital roles in matters ranging from implementing federal networks to fortifying the state's bio-terrorism emergency preparedness, while always maintaining a positive, friendly, timely and responsive nature; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Dunn has also managed licensure and regulatory programs in exemplary manner to protect the general public; and

WHEREAS, Michael S. Dunn epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean, and this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud him for his dedication to the State of Tennessee and its citizens and specially recognize him for his manifold achievements on the occasion of his retirement; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Michael S. Dunn for his meritorious services to the state of Tennessee and extend to him our heartfelt good wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in his future endeavors

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.